

particles with catalyst and pulverizing to obtain carbon particles with two particle distribution peaks, and then impregnating the pulverized carbon catalyst with polymer electrolyte.

TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner's requirement is improper because no holding of non-unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1 was made in the International Phase of the PCT application. Note that in the International Search Report, enclosed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this application, all 14 claims were searched together. Therefore, all 14 claims should be examined together in the National Phase application.

PROVISIONAL ELECTION

While not agreeing with the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 1-5) for initial examination in this application. Examination and an early Notice of Allowance of the claims are respectfully requested

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